Subject : Jefferson Indian peace medal

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Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society,
156th St. New York, N. Y.
Dear Sir.

I have been referred to you as one who would probably be interested in a medal I have. This medal was found in Wyoming in 1887, under some trees that had been used as an Indians burial place. It is made of silver and has the likeness of Jefferson on one side with the words: "Th. Jefferson President of the U. S. A. 1801." On the reverse side are two clasped hands, a pipe and tomahawk, with the words: "Peace and Friendship." It is some inches in diameter and has a ring to hang it up.

I am advised by the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D. C. that they have none of the original Jefferson medals.

I am sure that is very valuable to any one interested in historical relics, and if you can handle this I shall appreciate an offer for it. May I have the pleasure of a reply.

Yours very truly
Mrs Laura Raffen

P. S. I have permission from United States Senator John B. Kendrick of Wyoming to refer any one to him to vouch for the genuineness of the medal.

December 7th 1929

Mrs. Laura Raffen
2629 West 77th Street
Inglewood, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Jefferson Indian Peace Medals were issued in three sizes; yours is the largest size and is rare. About all I can tell you is that it is worth over a hundred dollars. We have three of them in our Museum as well as several of the other sizes.

Yours very truly,

Curator.